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SUBJECT:PROTECTION FOR FRG MINISTER EGON BAHR

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1. REFTTEL INDICATES THAT BAHR'S VISIT TO U.S. IS UNOFFICIAL AND PRIVATE, INVOLVING EXTENSIVE AUTO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT ENTIRE COUNTRY. PROBLEM POSED BY PRESENCE OF TWO ARMED SECURITY GUARDS IS ESSENTIALLY THAT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO WAIVE STATE LAWS REGARDING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED WEAPONS. DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS FRG POLICY OF PROTECTING ITS OFFICIALS WHEN THEY TRAVEL ABROAD, AND, FOR OFFICIAL VISITS, THERE ARE NORMALLY NO DIFFICULTIES.

2. ENTRY/DEPARTURE AT U.S. AIRPORTS POSES NO PROBLEMS AS
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LONG AS EXACT FLIGHT TIMES AND NUMBERS KNOWN. DEPARTMENT

REQUIRES URGENTLY THIS INFORMATION AS IT RELATES TO BAHR'S
PLANNED NY-SAN FRANCISCO FLIGHT, AS WELL AS NAME OF CARRIER
FOR HIS RETURN TO GERMANY ON AUGUST 24.

3. IN ORDER TO ACCOMMODATE BAHR, EMBASSY MAY PROVIDE HIM
WITH AN OFFICIAL LETTER OF INTRODUCTION, IDENTIFYING HIM,
EXPLAINING HIS TRAVEL IN THE US, POINTING OUT THAT USG
AWARE OF PRESENCE OF TWO ARMED SECURITY GUARDS, AND

REQUESTING STATE AUTHORITIES TO RENDER APPROPRIATE
COURTESIES.

T MAY ALSO INDICATE THAT STATE AUTHORITIES
CAN--IF NECESSARY--COMMUNICATE WITH DEPARTMENT REGARD-
ING BAHR'S TRAVEL BY CALLING MR. BERT BENNINGTON, OFFICE
OF SECURITY, (202)632-2412.

4. DEPARTMENT IS ARRANGING NECESSARY AIRPORT/CUSTOMS
CLEARANCES IN NEW YORK,
ND WILL DO SAME FTR SAN
FRANCISCO UPON RECEIPT INFORMATION REQUESTED IN
PARA (2) ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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